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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,527,261, dated June 18, 1996 issued to Monroe et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,633,304, dated December 30, 1986 issued to Nagasaki;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,519,351, dated May 28, 1985 issued to Archer;
4. U.S. Patent No. US 6,393,431 B1, dated May 21, 2002, issued to Salvati et al.;

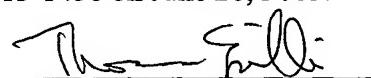
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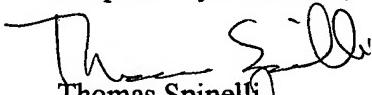
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5. U.S. Patent No. 5,361,203, dated November 1, 1994, issued to Hiyama, et al.; and
6. Japanese Application Laid Open No. 60-48011, dated March 13, 1985.

Applicants are not submitting copies of the above-cited references as references 1-4 were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed April 10, 2001 and references 4 and 5 were previously cited by the Examiner in connection with parent serial number 09/829,845, filed on April 10, 2001.

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